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SUMMARY: INFORMAL MEETING ON UNIDO-II PREPARATIONS
HELD JAN 10 AS SCHEDULED WITH ABDEL-RAHMAN IN THE CHAIR.
SECRETARIAT AGREED PROVIDE INTERSESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE
(ISC) WITH MINIMAL NECESSARY SERVICES AND ATTENDEES
DECIDED HOLD FIRST FORMAL ISC MEETING (ISC-I) WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 25, WITH POSSIBILITY OF SECOND MEETING WEEK OF
MARCH 18. GROUP B MEMBER DELS MEETING WITH ISC CHAIRMAN
(JAIPAL) JANUARY 14 CONCLUDED ISC-I MIGHT INSTEAD BEGIN
FEB. 27; JAIPAL SUGGESTED UNIDO-II AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8
CONSTITUTE MAIN BUSINESS. END SUMMARY

1. ABDEL-RAHMAN CHAIRED JAN 10 INFORMAL MEETING ON
PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO-II. ATTENDEES COMPRISED ALL
VIENNA-BASED MISSIONS REPRESENTED ON ISC. BARBOSA
GAVE SUMMARY OF EXTENSIVE EXCHANGES BETWEEN UNIDO
SECRETARIAT AND UN HQS RE PROVISION OF SECRETARIAT
SERVICES FOR ISC, CONCLUDING WITH REPORT THAT NEWLY
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FUNDING BY 29TH GA POSSIBLE PROVIDING A) SECRETARIAT
"OBLIGED" BY ISC MEMBERS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND B)
UNIDO MADE MAXIMUM EFFORT ABSORB COSTS.

2. ABDEL-RAHMAN INVITED ISC TO "OBLIGE" HIM, AT SAME
TIME PROPOSING FOLLOWING MEASURES TO HOLD DOWN COSTS;
NOTICE OF MEETING TO BE ISSUED BY CHAIRMAN (INDIAN
AMBASSADOR AND PERMREP JAIPAL) INSTEAD OF SECRETARIAT
SO THAT ISSUE OF INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS WOULD NOT
ARISE, IN TURN PERMITTING USE OF UNIDO CONFERENCE ROOM
INSTEAD OF LARGER RENTED FACILITIES AT THE HOFBURG;
MINIMAL USE OF SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION; RESTRICTED
DISSEMINATION OF ISC REPORT.

3. JAIPAL TOOK FLOOR TO STATE QUESTION OF ISC'S LEGALITY
NOT FOR ISC TO ADDRESS; HAVING BEEN CREATED BY UNIDO-II
PREPCOM IT MUST PROCEED WITH ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.
ABDEL-RAHMAN'S SUGGESTIONS FULLY SATISFACTORY TO HIM.
IN ITS DELIBERATIONS, ISC SHOULD NOT COVER GROUND ALREADY
TURNED AT PC-III, THUS NO NEED TO REVERT TO UNIDO-II
AGENDA ITEM 6. FIRST SESSION MIGHT BE FIVE DAYS DURATION
OR LESS.

4. OTHER MEMBER DELS CONCURRED WITH JAIPAL'S PROPOSALS,
FRG AND US EMPHASIZING DESIRABILITY OF MEETING INFORMALLY
AS POSSIBLE AT MINIMUM EXPENSE; US ALSO VOICED DE FACTO
RESERVATION, OBSERVING WE ASSUMED SCHEDULING OF ISC-I
AND DECISIONS ON AGENDA WOULD BE SUBJECT FURTHER INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS (JAIPAL AGREED).

5. BARBOSA REPORTED UNIDO CONFERENCE ROOM AVAILABLE
FEB 20-MAR2, AND FEB 25 SELECTED AS ACCEPTABLE OPENING
DATE FOR ISC-I MEETING OF "ONE WEEK OR LESS" DEPENDING
ON OUTCOME OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS REFERRED TO IN
PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH. AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE GENTLE
PRODDING BY ABDEL-RAHMAN, MEETING TOOK NOTE OF AVAIL-
ABILITY SAME FACILITIES MAR 18-22 FOR POSSIBLE SECOND
SESSION. ATTENDEES AGREED WORK WITH ONLY RUSSIAN AND
ENGLISH INTERPRETATION, A SIGNIFICANT SAVING.

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6. PICKING UP OUR REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS, JAIPAL
SUBSEQUENTLY INVITED FRG, SWISS AND US DELS TO JAN 14
MEETING AT HIS OFFICE. JAIPAL USED MEETING TO EXPOUND
HIS THINKING RE UNIDO-II; RELATIVELY SHORT PART OF
MEETING DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT MATTER TO BE
ADDRESSED AT ISC-I.

A. JAIPAL'S ESSENTIAL THESIS WAS UNIDO-II SHOULD

BUILD ON OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND PARTICULARLY MEANS CONTAINED IN UNIDO-I CONSENSUS RESOLUTION. IN ORDER BE USEFUL, UNIDO-II SHOULD IMPROVE UNIDO'S OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND SOME--IN HIS VIEW, RELATIVELY PAINLESS--COMPROMISE BY INDUSTRIALIZED NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES REQUIRED, E.G. GREATER ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL AUTONOMY (BUT NOT NECESSARILY STATUS), WORDING THAT GIVES GROUP D REPEATED SOME SATISFACTION RE ROLE OF CENTRAL PLANNING IN INDUSTRIALIZATION PROCESS, ETC. HE CONCEDED, HOWEVER, UNIDO-II WOULD HAVE TO CONTEND WITH PROPOSALS FOR "DECLARATION" FROM REGIONAL GROUPS (WHICH HE SUGGESTED WERE BEING STIMULATED BY ABDEL-RAHMAN). NOTING THAT THERE EXISTED DISPOSITION AMONG SOME DELS TO AMEND UNIDO-II PROVISIONAL AGENDA TO INCLUDE EXPLICITLY THEMES OF 28TH GA RESOLUTION L.1293 (DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION), HE SUGGESTED WE GIVE THOUGHT WHETHER THIS GAVE REAL PROBLEMS. (IMPLICATION WAS THAT IT NEED NOT.) COMMENT BY FRG AND US WAS TO EFFECT THAT NO REWRITING OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA APPEARED NECESSARY.

B. RE ISC, JAIPAL SUGGESTED IT CONCENTRATE FOR PRESENT ON UNIDO-II PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEMS 7, 8 AND POSSIBLE 9; ISC COULD WORK "IN PARALLEL" WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE STRATEGY. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENT OF UNIDO. HE APPEARED ACCEPT SWISS AND FRG SUGGESTION THAT ISC-I BEGIN FEB 27, BUT HELD THAT SECOND MEETING WEEK OF MAR 18 NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE REPORT FOR IDB-VIII, WHICH SHOULD THEN GIVE ISC FURTHER TERMS OF REFERENCE.

7. NOTING PRELIMINARY NATURE THESE CONSULTATIONS, WE SUGGESTED FURTHER TOUCHING BASE WITH JAIPAL
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FOLLOWING HIS RETURN EARLY FEBRUARY FROM CONSULTATIONS AT NEW DELHI; JAIPAL AND OTHERS AGREED.
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